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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SENATOR HAYAKAWA OFFER TO MEDIATE

REF: LUSAKA 2004

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMERCIAL CABLE TO ME IN LUSAKA FROM SENATOR HAYAKAWA: BEGIN TEXT: IN VIEW OF REPORTS OF INCREASING DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING PATRIOTIC FRONT AND TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TOGETHER I WISH TO REITERATE MY OFFER TO YOU OF JUNE 3RD. TO ATTEMPT PRIVATE MEDIATION OF DIFFERENCES PERHAPS IN BOTSWANA TO AT LEAST BRING FACTIONS TO A TALKING POINT. I AM CONVINCED THERE WAS ENOUGH RECEPTION TO MY PLAN REGARDLESS OF HOW GUARDED AT LEAST TO CONSIDER IT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CURRENT IMPASSE. NATURALLY I STILL CONSIDER THE PRIVATE NATURE OF THIS PLAN WITHOUT PUBLICITY TO BE ESSENTIAL. THIS OFFER IS STILL KNOWN ONLY TO YOU, MY STAFF, AND AFRICAN PRINCIPALS. I WOULD WELCOME AN ANSWER FROM YOU ON THIS OFFER AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE. THE PRIVATE MEETING IS WORTH A TRY. S.I. HAYAKAWA, UNITED STATES SENATOR. END TEXT

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2. SENATOR'S OFFER IS DESCRIBED REFTEL. BELIEVE HE CONSIDERS THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS AND VERY CONFIDENTIAL PROPOSAL AND DOUBT THAT HE AWARE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF IT. ON DEPARTURE FROM LUSAKA THE SENATOR'S AA, GENE PRAT, TOLD ME TO PHONE HIM DIRECT IF "THE PARTIES" WANTED TO TAKE UP THE SENATOR'S OFFER.

3. I WAS PRESENT WHEN THE SENATOR MADE HIS OFFER TO ZAPU OFFICIALS SAMUEL NUOMODAWAFA AND JOHN NKOMO. LATER THE SENATOR TOLD ME IT WAS A SPUR OF THE MOMENT IDEA. THEREFORE, TO MY KNOWLEDGE HE HAS NOT REPEATED IT TO OTHERS OF THE PARTIES. I HAVE SEEN NKOMO AND NUOMODAWAFA ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS SINCE, AND THEY HAVE NEVER MADE FURTHER REFERENCE TO THE OFFER. I WOULD ASSUME THE SALISBURY GROUP MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO FURTHER INVOLVEMENT BY THE SENATOR BECAUSE OF THE SYMPATHY HE SHOWED FOR THE ATTEMPT THEY ARE MAKING AT AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. I STRONGLY DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE ZAPU GROUP WOULD SEEK HIS MEDIATION AND AM VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE ZANU SIDE OF THE PF WOULD REJECT IT.

4. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL PASS ON THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SENATOR AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO HIM. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR SENATOR HAYAKAWA: QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE TO ME OF JUNE 19. IT REACHED ME IN PRETORIA AS I WAS ABOUT TO RETURN TO SALISBURY. WHILE VISIBLE PROGRESS TOWARDS GETTING THE PARTIES TOGETHER HAS BEEN SLOW AND NO DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGHS HAVE OCCURRED, I FEEL THAT WE ARE MAKING SOME HEADWAY. THERE IS A GROWING RECOGNITION INSIDE RHODESIA THAT THERE MUST BE FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PARTIES IF THE WAR IS TO BE ENDED. BUT THERE ARE MANY PARTIES, EACH SEEKING

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HIS OWN INTERESTS IN THE NAME OF THE NATIONAL GOOD. I BELIEVE THEY ARE INCREASINGLY SEEING THE NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND I DO NOT FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT WE ARE FACING AN IMPASSE AT THE MOMENT. I HAVE SEEN SAMUEL MUNODAWAFA AND JOHN NKOMO ON THREE OR FOUR OCCASIONS SINCE OUR MEETING. THEY HAVE NOT MENTIONED AGAIN YOUR OFFER OF BRINGING THE PARTIES TOGETHER, ALTHOUGH I AM CERTAIN THEY REMEMBER IT AND APPRECIATE THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT WAS TENDERED. IF YOU WISH, I WOULD BE GLAD TO ASK THEM WHETHER THEY HAVE HAD ANY FURTHER TALKS ON THE MATTER WHEN I RETURN TO LUSAKA, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE NEXT WEEK. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE, ZAPU'S PARTNER IN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, ZANU, AS WELL AS THE INTERNAL PARTIES, SMITH AND THE FRONTLINE COUNTRIES. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THEM OR WHAT THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE. MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS THIS WITH DICK MOOSE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE MAY BE ABLE TO ADVISE YOU REGARDING IT. I APPRECIATE YOUR PAST AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE MATTER WHICH I BELIEVE WILL REQUIRE SYMPATHETIC AND INFORMED SUPPORT IN THE SENATE. SINCERELY, END TEXT

5. IF YOU FEEL THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE CHANGED IN ANY
WAY, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SO.
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